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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Director of the United States Patent
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 4, 2006,
Applicants submit the following. A declaration accompanies this
response.

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Amendment to the claims begin on page 3.

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